there has to be a categorical announcement from the side of the Government that after the Bill is allowed to be introduced, the Government will not stand in the way of sending it to a joint Select Committee. Let the hon. Minister be a little more generous in the performance of his duties.

SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Sir, the hon. Member was a little late in coming to the House. I do not mind repeating the same assurance. Let the Bill be introduced. Let the Members go through it; and after studying it if the whole House comes to a consensus that it should be sent to a Select Committee, the Government would not make it a prestige point.

SHRI JIBON ROY : So far as the Patents Bill is concerned, it is all right, since there is an assurance that it will go to a Select Committee. But there is a design. The Patents Bill is connected with the Designs Bill; and the Designs Bill is connected with the Patents Bill. But the Designs Bill which is being moved in this House has to be discussed either in a Select Committee or in the Standing Committee. This is a technical Bill. We have to check up about this Bill, with technical persons. Do you want us to raise our hands on every Bill without discussing it? Why should we do that?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND WATER RESOURCES(SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN) : I am aware of the fact that in spite of my best efforts, you will never raise your hands for me. That is a different question. What I am saying is, let me introduce the Bill. You can study the Bill. Then, let the House come to some conclusion.

SHRI JIBON ROY (West Bengal) : So far as the Patents Bill is concerned, it is all right. I am talking about the Designs Bill.

SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN : Let it be about any Bill. First, let it be introduced. Then, all of you can come to a conclusion. Let the House come to a consensus. Let us go by consensus.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI ADHIK SHIRODKAR) : The hon. Member feels that you have other designs. Dr. Raman, please introduce the Bill.

BILLS INTRODUCED

The Patents (Second Amendment) Bill, 1999

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF

COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. RAMAN) : Mr. Vice-Chairman, Sir, I beg to move for leave to introduce a Bill further to amend the Patents Act, 1970.

The question was put and the motion was adopted.

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA (West Bengal) : Sir, before the hon. Minister seeks the approval of the House to pass the Bill ...*(Interruptions)*... Is he not moving the Bill for passing?

SOME HON. MEMBERS : No.

DR. RAMAN : Sir, I introduce the Bill.

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA : Sir, I have a point on this.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI ADHIK SHIRODKAR) : This is over.

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN) : We have one more Bill to be introduced.

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA : All right.

The Semiconductor Integrated Circuits Layout Design Bill,1999

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND WATER RESOURCES (SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN) : Mr. Vice-Chairman, Sir, I beg to move for leave to introduce a Bill to provide for the protection of Semiconductor Integrated Circuits Layout-Designs and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

The question was put and the motion was adopted.

SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN : Sir, I introduce the Bill.

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA (West Bengal) : Sir, according to the paper circulated to us, it appears that the legislative business will precede the discussion on the Appropriation (Railways) Bill. This is improper. Earlier, we were given to understand that the Government was interested to discuss in detail the Appropriation (Railways) Bill because we have many things to say. Many incidents have taken place. Therefore, it should get some priority The "List of Business" that is being formulated by the